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NEWS SUMMARY

United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic announced today that John C. Burch, age 50, of Kenosha, Wisconsin, agreed to enter a plea of guilty to a single charge of money laundering. An Information and plea agreement were filed in United States District Court, Milwaukee. The charge carries penalties of twenty years imprisonment and \$500,000 in fines.

The plea agreement states that Burch, formerly a licensed stockbroker for Wachovia Securities in Kenosha, took tens of thousands of dollars in cash from a customer with the intention that the money be deposited into the customer's brokerage account. The plea agreement further states that Burch initially deposited the cash, which was the proceeds of a separate fraud scheme, into several different bank accounts controlled by Burch. Eventually Burch deposited a total of \$370,331.24 into the customer's brokerage account. The plea agreement further states that Burch failed to issue currency transaction reports and suspicious activity reports as legally required upon the receipt of such large amounts of cash. The plea agreement also states that Burch made numerous false statements during the investigation.

The United States Postal Inspection Service and the Criminal Investigations Division of the Internal Revenue Service continue to investigate the underlying fraud scheme. Anyone wishing to provide information concerning this ongoing investigation should contact the Milwaukee Office of the Postal Inspection Service at 414-287-2200.

This case has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Stephen A. Ingraham.

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